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Economic

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BW/99-9. Monthly Wholesale Trade: Sales and Inventories, September 1999. 4 pp. \$1.75. Cite list ID "CBMWT" and month/year when ordering from GPO. www.census.gov/prod/99pubs/bw-9909.pdf

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C20/99-9. Housing Starts, September 1999. 12 pp. \$2. Cite list ID "CRHS" and month/year when ordering from GPO. www.census.gov/prod/99pubs/c20-9909.pdf

C30/99-9. Value of Construction Put in Place, September 1999. 24 pp. \$2.25. Cite list ID "CRCA" and month/year when ordering from GPO. www.census.gov/prod/99pubs/c30-9909.pdf

Current Foreign Trade Reports

FT 900/99-10. U.S. International Trade in Goods and Services, October 1999. 46 pp. \$15. (Includes the FT 900 Supplement.) To order, contact Foreign Trade Division, telephone 301-457-2227. www.census.gov/mp/www/pub/ftd/msftd03a.html

FT 920/99-10. U.S. Merchandise Trade: Selected Highlights, October 1999. 34 pp. \$25. To order, contact Foreign Trade Division, telephone 301-457-2227. www.census.gov/mp/www/pub/ftd/msftd03b.html

Current Industrial Reports

M3-1(99)-10. Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders, October 1999. www.census.gov/indicator/www/m3

General and Reference

MPA/99-12. Monthly Product Announcement (MPA), December 1999. 8 pp. No charge. www.census.gov/prod/99pubs/mpa-9912.pdf

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CD-ROM Discs

CD-FTD99-EX-09*. U.S. Exports of Merchandise-International Harmonized System Commodity Classification (HS-Based Schedule B) by Country, by Customs District, September 1999. \$150.

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If you have any questions about the products listed in this issue, write or call Customer Services, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC 20233. Phone 301-457-4100 or fax 301-457-4714.

Address questions and comments about MPA to mary.kilbride@ccmail.census.gov or telephone 301-457-1173.

CD-FTD99-IM-09*. U.S. Imports of Merchandise-International Harmonized System Commodity Classification (HTSUSA) by Customs District, September 1999. \$150.

Microcomputer Diskettes

DSK-EC-QFR99-03. Quarterly Financial Report (QFR) for Manufacturing, Mining, and Trade Corporations, Third Quarter 1999. One diskette (3.5 inch double-sided/high density). \$66.

November 1999 and Historical Building Permits Data by State, Metropolitan Area, and Individual Permit-Issuing Places. For ordering information, contact Manufacturing and Construction Division, Residential Construction Branch, telephone 301-457-1321.

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When mass-produced, files on CD-ROM also are listed in the "Data Files" section earlier in this publication. Other tape files can be produced on CD-ROM by special order for the price of the tape. See the discussion under "Data Files."

Some data files are available on diskettes for IBM and compatible microcomputers.

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